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Privatisation of PSLV
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to privatise the operation of ISRO"s Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the construction and integration of satellites and launch of rockets will be contracted and/or independently or through Antrix Corporation and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether private players are to be allowed to operate satellites on their own;
(d) if so, the details thereof; and
(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PG & PENSIONS AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

(a)&(b) ISRO has been pursuing a conscious approach of building up and nurturing the industrial capabilities in the country to maximally support the Indian Space Programme. Through appropriate transfer of technology and hand-holding, ISRO is making focused efforts to consolidate and enhance participation of Indian industries for manufacturing and production of space related hardware such as rocket engine & stages, propellant tanks, spacecraft structures, solar panels, thermal control systems, electronic packages etc., required for satellites and launch vehicles.
In order to step up the launch capacity within the country, ISRO is in the process of exploring the possibility of involving Indian industry in a greater role to meet the increased national requirements and possible commercial demand for launch services. Discussions are being held with the Indian industry towards formulating a plan & strategy to enhance the capacity and capability of managing the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) programme on an end to end basis.

(c)(d)&(e) A provision exists for private players to operate communication satellites on their own in the country through an established mechanism called Committee for Authorising the establishment and operations of Indian Satellite Systems (CAISS).

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